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Community Overview

Blue River, “Jewel of the Yellowhead”, is situated at the northern extremity of the North Thompson Valley, 210 kilometers north of Kamloops.

Originally developed as a logging town, Blue River has grown to become a thriving tourism based community. Blue River is small, friendly and has many of the conveniences of a city while offering a life of quiet living. Surrounded by lakes, rivers, streams, forests and mountains, Blue River is located in one of the most pristine natural environments in the world. The community and its surrounding area have the opportunity to become prime attractions for residents, businesses and investors.

Today, the community is prepared to encourage new industry and commercial ventures. Blue River has residential and commercial properties available for development and, most important of all, is committed to assisting in its own growth.

Blue River’s relaxing lifestyle and low cost of living is well suited for seniors and young working families. The community offers a safe and peaceful environment that includes all the amenities of a sustainable community including education, health care and recreational opportunities. Health care and emergency services include a hospital, fire department and ambulance service.

Education is available for primary students with secondary and post-secondary facilities located just south of the community. Recreational opportunities abound in the area with up to date facilities and a wilderness backcountry. Current infrastructure, which includes a recently upgraded water system, is capable of serving an ever-increasing population.

Geographic Location

Blue River is located midway between Vancouver and Edmonton in the section of the Columbia Mountain System called the North Thompson River Valley. The Valley consists of the Monashee Mountains to the east and Cariboo Mountains to the west. Both ranges rise over 3,300 metres above sea level.

The elevation of the community is 681 metres above sea level. Its latitude and longitude coordinates are: 52°1’ north by 116°6’ west.

City	KM	Miles	Travel Time
Calgary	625	389	7 ½
Edmonton	576	358	7 ¼
Kamloops	234	145	3
Kelowna	397	247	5
Prince George	382	237	4 ¾
Vancouver	579	360	6 ½
Seattle	691	429	8

Climate

Blue River boasts a moderate summer climate with warm days and evenings that cool off considerably. Winters can be extreme with cool temperatures and over four metres of snow falling in the valley.

Climate Statistics	
Annual Mean	4.6
July Mean	16.3
January Mean	-9.4
Rainfall (mm)	639.2
Snowfall (cm)	425.5

Trading Area

Blue River has a trading area that encompasses Avola. The estimated population of the trading area exceeds 500.

Avola

Avola is located 40 kilometres south of Blue River on Yellowhead Highway #5. The community relies on the forest industry as its primary industry with area lumber mills being the major employers. Businesses in Avola include a restaurant, service station, motel and pub. Many residents are self-employed and their services cater almost exclusively to area mills.

History

Prospectors and loggers who found the area rich in resources first settled Blue River in 1910. In 1916, the area became accessible for potential residents and employers with the construction of the CN Rail Line.

After the Second World War, numerous sawmills were established in the valley. This provided a boom for the area until the 1960's when the mills closed due to consolidation and the move towards larger, more efficient operations. Around this time, the Yellowhead Highway #5 was constructed. The completion caused a large influx of traffic through Blue River and restaurants, motels and service stations were developed to accommodate the highway traffic that continues to increase annually.

Blue River's claim to fame began in 1970 when Mike Wiegele's Helicopter Skiing Village first opened. Encompassing over 7,000 square kilometres, Wiegele's has become world famous attracting over 1,500 guests from around the world to the resort and community yearly.

Economic Base

Forestry, and tourism form a strong, diversified economic base for the Blue River area. Though the dominant industry is forestry, tourism is a significant economic contributor and the fastest growing industry in the region. The success of Mike Wiegele's resort and an increasing influx of tourists into Wells Gray Provincial Park characterize the phenomenal growth of tourism. Agriculture, though relatively small in scale, represents a noticeable impact on the local economy.

The film industry is a budding economic sector for Blue River and the entire region. Numerous movie and television productions have been shot in the region and the number will continue to grow as the TNRD's Film Commission continues to actively market the area as ideal for production.

Important Economic Activities

Forestry

The forest industry is the main stay of the local economy and its success in the past led to the

growth of the community.

Blue River is in the Headwaters Forest District of the Kamloops Timber Supply Area. Most of the timber harvested in the area is transported to Vavenby and is processed at either the Slocan Forest Products or outside the region for processing.

The predominant timber source in the North Thompson Valley consists of softwoods: spruce, fir, pine and cedar. The timber supplies the one major area mill.

There are potential business opportunities for value-added products. Locally produced wood and wood by-products represent excellent opportunities for furniture making, wood pellet production, wood trim and other novelty items.

Tourism

Tourism is quickly becoming the dominant economic force in Blue River. Potential growth is enormous for eco-tourism given the area's location in pristine wilderness. The future expansion of tourism in the area will ensure stability and future growth for the community.

Blue River is probably the world's most famous destination for extreme skiing. Mike Wiegele opened his operation in 1970 and its popularity has continued to grow each year. The resort is located in Blue River, nestled between the world famous Cariboo and Monashee Mountains. The skiing encompasses 7,000 square kilometres, over 1,000 peaks and runs, and reaches elevations of over 3,500 metres. Other winter activities include cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. Wiegele Resort has also become a year round destination with an assortment of summer activities. Heli-picnicking, heli-hiking, heli-flyfishing, mountain biking, camping and climbing are just a few of the activities one can take part in during a stay. The resort features a self-contained village that consists of a lodge, administration building/guest lobby, 19 guest chalets, guide's houses and sports shop.

Although famous for skiing, Blue River also provides access to Wells Gray Provincial Park, a vast, unspoiled wilderness immersed in the Cariboo mountains. Forged by volcanoes, sculpted by glaciers, and eroded by rivers, Wells Gray is British Columbia's land of fire, ice and water. The park is one of the largest wilderness reserves in the province, encompassing 522,000 hectares and home to over 200 species of birds and 56 mammals. In fact, most of the park is beyond the reach of motorized vehicles, traversable only by canoe or foot. Helmcken falls is the showpiece of Wells Gray Park and one of the most photographed sights in British Columbia. At 141 metres in height, it is the 4th tallest waterfall in Canada; three times the height of Niagara Falls. Wells Gray is also home to five major lakes, two large river systems, numerous other spectacular water falls and countless prominent topographical features. Provincial Park camping includes roadside, backcountry and marine sites. Private campgrounds are available outside the park. Other accommodations include an abundance of bed & breakfasts, motels, hotels, lodges, cottages, resorts and mountain chalets.

Fishing is a popular year round attraction for Blue River and area. Rainbow trout is prevalent on local lakes and resorts are common providing lodgings, boat and gear rentals. The preservation of this resource is taken seriously with some lakes banning the use of motorized boats to prevent pollution and disturbing wildlife. Murtle Lake is one such lake and is the largest non-motorized lake in North America. Other summer activities that can be taken advantage of are canoeing, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and camping.

Another internationally known local attraction is the natural Luge Hill. It is considered to be in the top two of luge hills in North America. Gold medal athletes in the event have been training and competing on the hill for the past decade. Other winter activities in the area include cross-country skiing. Wells Gray offers groomed and backcountry skiing that will lead you deep into the park

and witness scenery few others have the opportunity to see. Snowmobiling is also a popular activity with a local club offering information on local trails and snow conditions. Dogsledding and snowshoeing are other activities that can be experienced in Blue River.

Agriculture

There is limited agricultural activity in the Blue River area. A short frost-free period and a scarcity of flat arable land make any crop production or cattle raising difficult.

Film Commission

In 1988, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District established a Film Commission whose mandate was to promote the region as a location to the film and television industry. In 1998, a re-constituted Film Commission Board was established to better position itself and to take advantage of film industry opportunities.

Numerous feature films, movies of the week, television episodes and commercials have been filmed in the area. The feature film, "The Pledge", directed by Sean Penn and starring Jack Nicholson and Robyn White conducted principle photography in the year 2000.

Other projects shot in this area include:

- The Sweet Here After
- Christmas in Calico
- Hard Core Logo
- Cadence
- Jack Rabbit Patrol
- X-Files
- America's Most Wanted
- Eyes of a Cowboy
- 5th Estate - Cattle Drive
- Bird on a Wire

Also, numerous commercials have been shot for clients such as Toyota, Ford, Kodak, Miller Beer, Nescafe, Yamaha, Canadian Tire and Chivas Regal to name a few. These projects provide a boost to the local economy with large production crews taking advantage of the services offered in the community and local residents obtaining parts as extras during filming.

Demographic Profile

The following information is based on Statistics Canada's 2001 Census, unless otherwise stated.

Population Characteristics

The 25-44 age group represents the largest percentage of the population at 31.0%, compared to 30.0% provincially. The population of Blue River and area represents 0.27% of the regional population of 119,222.

Age Distribution				
Age Group	Male	Female	Total	BC
0-14	30	30	60	706,065
15-24	30	25	55	514,340
25-44	55	60	115	1,174,775
45-64	60	45	105	979,455
65+	15	10	25	533,085
All Ages	190	180	370	3,907,740

Source: Statistics Canada

The average family size is the same as the regional and provincial average of 3.0.

Average Family Size			
Family Size	Approx. #	Community	BC
2-Person	77	48.4%	47.0%
3-Person	30	18.9%	21.0%
4-Person	32	20.2%	22.0%
5-Person	20	12.5%	11.0%

Source: Statistics Canada 1996

Income Characteristics

Since 1996, the community has seen a 6.0% increase in annual female income. Provincially.

Average Annual Income		
Income	Community	BC
Average	\$23,397	\$31,544
Median	\$20,299	\$22,095

Source: Statistics Canada (Thompson-Nicola B - Regional Electoral Area)

Employment represents the largest source of income for Blue River residents at 79.1%.

Income Source		
Source	Community	BC
Earnings	79.1%	75.8%
Government Transfers	10.2%	11.8%
Other Money	11.0%	12.4%

Source: Statistics Canada (Thompson-Nicola B – Regional Electoral Area)

Employment Characteristics

Unemployment Rates				
Rates	Male	Female	Total	BC
Unemployment	14.3%	20.8%	17.3%	8.5%
Participation	82.4%	77.4%	78.8%	65.2%

Source: Statistics Canada

Currently the largest employing industry is in the Business Services. It employs approximately 17% of the total experienced work force compared to 20% provincially.

Labour Force By Industry		
Industry	Community	BC
Total Experienced Labour Force	260	2,014,600
Agriculture and other resource-based industries	10%	5%
Manufacturing and construction industries	8%	16%
Wholesale and retail trade	10%	16%
Finance and real estate	0%	6%
Health and education	0%	17%
Business services	17%	20%
Other services	52%	21%

Source: Statistics Canada

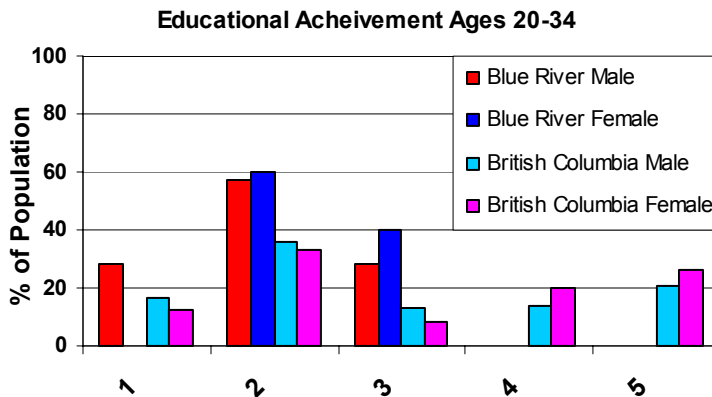
2001 BC statistics show Blue River’s self-employment rate for males at 15.8% and 21.1% for females.

Employment vs. Self-Employment		
Gender & Status	Community	BC
MALES		
Paid Employees	84.2%	742,050
Self-Employed	15.8%	80,285
FEMALES		
Paid Employees	78.9%	747,790
Self-Employed	21.1%	91,105

Source: Statistics Canada

Education Characteristics

School District #73 currently enrolls 16,467 students while the schools in Blue River currently have a student body of 27.



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| 1 | Less than High School Graduation Diploma | 4 | College Certificate or Diploma |
| 2 | High School Graduation Diploma | 5 | University Degree or Masters |
| 3 | Trades Certificate or Diploma | | |

Source: Stats Canada

Construction & Housing Characteristics

The average cost of rent in Blue River is 42.0% less than the provincial average of \$751. The same can also be said for the average value of homes that are 67.5% less than the provincial average of \$230,645.

Dwelling Characteristics		
Characteristics	Community	BC
Dwellings Owned	105	1,017,490
Avg. Major Payment	\$312.00	\$904.00
Dwellings Rented	50	512,365
Avg. Rent	\$436.00	\$751.00
Avg. Value of Dwelling	\$74,924	\$230,645

Source: Statistics Canada

Building permit activity is current as of November 2003. Over the past five years there has been an average of 11 permits issued at an average yearly value of \$1,479,400.

Building Permit Activity										
Year	Residential		Commercial		Industrial		Remaining		Total	
	#	Value(\$)	#	Value(\$)	#	Value(\$)	#	Value(\$)	#	Value(\$)
2003	1	34,000	3	3,547,000	1	40,000	3	5,000	8	3,626,000
2002	3	350,000	0	0	0	0	4	43,000	7	393,000
2001	3	294,000	5	50,000	1	325,000	6	85,000	15	754,000
2000	0	0	6	1,611,000	0	0	2	81,000	8	1,692,000
1999	2	220,000	3	318,000	1	250,000	9	144,000	15	932,000
Totals	9	898,000	17	5,526,000	3	615,000	24	358,000	53	7,397,000

Source: Thompson-Nicola Regional District

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

- Coldwell Banker North River Realty
- Principle Realty

Phone: (250) 674-3999 Fax: (250) 674-3713
 Phone: (250) 674-2420 Fax: (250) 674-2977

Employment Services

Blue River is serviced by Clearwater Employment Services (CES). It is sponsored by the Clearwater & District Chamber of Commerce and funded by Human Resources Development Canada. The office is an employment and information service to meet employee and employer needs and provides access to federal government programs.

Employee information and services provided include:

- local, regional and national job listings
- college and training courses information and catalogues
- casual work registry
- retraining and upgrading information

- self-employment assistance
- local business directory
- resume writing/interview preparation assistance • career planning
- market/job search
- funding for skills enhancement
- workshops and employment counseling
- job skills readiness programs
- career planning
- wage subsidy programs

Employer information and services provided include:

- access to skilled labour including full time, part time and casual
- registration of job orders such as hiring, employment standards, etc.
- posting job orders to the 24 hr job board, web page, the internet and local newspaper
- wage subsidy program information
- human resources information on subjects

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Clearwater Employment Services Phone: (250) 674-2928 Fax: (250) 674-2938
 E-mail: ces@ntskills.com

The Business Community

There are in excess of 23 businesses currently operating in Blue River and the surrounding area with most of those catering to tourism traffic. For more information contact the Blue River Improvement District.

Number of Businesses by Type			
Categories	#	Categories	#
Adventure Tourism	2	Highway Maintenance	1
Automotive Sales/Repair	1	Laundromats	1
Campgrounds	2	Motels	4
Construction	1	Railway	1
Convenience Stores	2	Seasonal Restaurants	2
Gas Stations	2	Year Round Restaurants	2
Grocery Store	2		

Source: Blue River Improvement District

Community Infrastructure

Transportation Infrastructure

All roads are the responsibility of the B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Highways due to Blue River's Improvement District Status.

Major Highways

Blue River is located 240 kilometres northeast of Kamloops approximately midway between Vancouver and Edmonton on Yellowhead Highway #5, the main north-south artery of the North Thompson region. Approximately 110 kilometres to the north, Highway #5 meets up with Highway #16 at Tete Jaune Cache and connects the region with Alberta and the West Coast of BC. Highway #24 lies 125 kilometres to the south and connects Little Fort with Highway #97 and the Cariboo-Chilcotin region.

Rail Services

The Jasper-Kamloops-Vancouver link of the Canadian National Railway's (CNR) mainline runs through Blue River.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

CNR

Phone: 1-888-888-5909

Web: www.cn.ca

Passenger rail services are available through VIA Rail Canada. Although there is no train station, VIA Rail has a brief automatic stop. Tickets may be bought directly from the conductor or from a travel agent in advance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

VIA Rail

Phone: 1-800-561-8630

Web: www.viarail.ca

Air Services

Blue River has the only airstrip in the North Thompson Subregion. The paved airstrip is 5,000 feet long and can accommodate modern commercial jets and turbo-prop aircraft. For more information contact the Blue River Improvement District.

The closest scheduled air services are provided at the Kamloops Airport.

The Kamloops airport accommodates three scheduled airline companies that provide flights to Vancouver, Calgary, Seattle and Prince George. There is an average of more than 75 scheduled flights in and out of the airport every week. The runway and the navigation system allow for the landing of modern commercial jets and turbo-prop aircraft.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kamloops Airport

Phone: (250) 376-3613

Bus Services

Bus Services are available in Blue River.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Greyhound Bus Lines

Phone: (250) 673-8269

Web: www.greyhound.ca

Trucking Services

Trucking Services are available in Blue River. For more information contact the Blue River Improvement District.

Communications Infrastructure

Newspaper

- North Thompson The Times
- North Thompson Star Journal

Phone: (250) 674-3343

Fax: (250) 674-3777

Phone: (250) 674-3411

Fax: (250) 674-3410

Radio

- CKRV 101.2 (cable only)
- JC-55 102.9 AM
- CIFM 92.7 FM

- CISN 90.3 FM
- NL 1400 AM
- CBC 104.9 AM

Television

Blue River television services are provided by a satellite owned by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) and managed by the Avola/Blue River Television Rebroadcast Committee. Channels available include: BCTV, the Family Channel, CBC, ITV, Super Channel and the Knowledge Network. For more information contact the Blue River Improvement District.

Telephone Services

TELUS provides telephone services to Blue River and area via one exchange in the area: 673.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

TELUS

Phone: (250) 372-4264

Web: www.telus.com

Internet Services

Internet service is available in Blue River.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clearwater Answering Service

Phone: (250) 674-3400

Political/Government Infrastructure

Blue River and the surrounding area is within Electoral Area 'B' of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District. It was incorporated as an Improvement District in 1956. A chairman and four committee members manage the Blue River Improvement District.

The services provided by the Blue River Improvement District include:

- street lightning
- fire department (volunteer)
- garbage pickup

Blue River and area residents are levied taxes by the Provincial Government for general municipal services provided by the TNRD and for capital costs of hospital facilities provided through the Thompson-Nicola Regional Hospital District.

For more information contact the Blue River Improvement District.

The TNRD, covering an area of 45,279 square kilometres, was incorporated in 1967. A Regional Board of Directors that consists of ten elected rural directors and twelve appointed municipal council members manages it. An elected director represents Electoral Area 'B' which encompasses Blue River and area.

As Regional Government, the TNRD provides the following functions and services:

- Administration Building and Site
 - Community and Regional Parks
 - Television Re-Broadcasting
 - Untidy & Unsightly Premises
 - Public Library Service
 - Regional and Community Planning/ Subdivision & Zoning
 - Liquid Waste Management
 - Water System
 - Hospital and Diagnostic & Treatment Centre Capital Financing
 - Building Inspection
 - Film Commission
 - Economic Development Commission
 - Noxious Weed Control
 - Solid Waste Management/Refuse Disposal
- For more information contact the TNRD.

In addition, the Provincial Government maintains a number of offices in Blue River:

- Provincial Ambulance Service Phone: (250) 673-8484
- Ministry of Transportation & Hwys. Phone: 1-800-665-3068
- B.C. Air Tanker Base Phone: (250) 673-8435

The Federal Government operates:

- Blue River Post Office Phone: (250) 673-8332

Utilities

Natural Gas

Natural Gas is not available in the North Thompson Valley.

Propane

Propane can be purchased for recreational use in the Blue River area from a number of suppliers, and in bulk form from suppliers located in Kamloops.

Electricity

The area is serviced by B.C. Hydro's provincial grid system.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

B.C. Hydro

Phone: 1-800-BCHYDRO (224-9376)

Web: www.bchydro.bc.ca

For more information on the following utility infrastructure contact the Blue River Improvement District.

Water System

Blue River obtains its water from a well system. Water is pumped from the well into a tank on a mountain reservoir. The reservoir holds 360 cubic metres of water and pumps 1.5 cubic metres per minute thanks to a recent upgrade.

Sewage System

Septic tanks are utilized for sewage disposal. Households can receive service on their tanks locally.

Garbage Collection

Garbage collection is provided weekly by the Blue River Improvement District.

Taxation

Taxes are not collected locally. The Provincial Surveyor of Taxes is responsible for collecting school, provincial and local taxes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Government Agent's Office

Phone: (250) 828-4540

Tax Rates		
	2003	2002
Residential	2.1368	2.1258
Utilities	7.4788	7.4403
Unmanaged Forest	8.5472	8.5032
Major Industry	7.2651	7.2277
Light Industry	7.2651	7.2277
Business/Other	5.2352	5.2082
Managed Forest	6.4104	6.3774
Recreation/Non-Profit	2.1368	2.1258
Farm	2.1368	2.2158

Source: Ministry of Provincial Revenue – Property Taxation Branch

Education

Blue River is located within School District #73 administered from Kamloops. Blue River and area schools include the following:

Primary:

- Blue River Elementary Phone: (250) 673-8253 Fax: (250) 673-8373

Secondary:

For secondary education, Blue River students must enroll at Clearwater Secondary School.

- Clearwater Secondary Phone: (250) 674-3328 Fax: (250) 674-2162

For more information on either primary or secondary education within the area contact:

- School District #73 Phone: (250) 374-0679 Fax: (250) 372-1183

Post Secondary:

There are a number of post-secondary and continuing education opportunities available in Clearwater and Kamloops, including:

- University College of the Cariboo Phone: (250) 828-5000
Web: www.cariboo.bc.ca
- Native Indian Teacher Education Program Phone: (250) 828-9780
Fax: (250) 828-9780
- Community Futures Development Corporation of Thompson Country Phone: (250) 828-8772
Fax: (250) 828-6861
Web: www.cfdctc.bc.ca

Clearwater is home to its own skills centre. The North Thompson Community Skills Centre (NTCSC), in conjunction with the University College of the Cariboo, offers a wide range of credit and general interest courses. Many courses currently offered at Cariboo College are available locally with qualified instructors. Competent tutors are also available to work with students on an individual basis.

Some of the courses currently available are:

- computer confidence
- internet basics
- simply accounting
- bartending
- technical writing
- GED study program
- food safe level 1
- traffic control
- CORE
- French
- intro to bookkeeping
- transportation endorsement
- transportation of dangerous goods
- welding
- WHMIS
- and many more

NTCSC now offers a Pre Self Employment Program that is one of their newest, biggest and most innovative projects.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

North Thompson Community Skills Centre Phone: (250) 674-3530
Fax: (250) 674-3540
Web: www.ntskskills.com

Clearwater is also home to the P.A.S.S. Star Lake program (alternate school) operating out of Clearwater Secondary School. The school was started in 1989 and its objective is to provide an opportunity for adults to complete their secondary school graduation requirements and to provide upgrading for adults wishing to continue to post-secondary levels.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Star Lake Campus Phone: (250) 587-6337 Fax: (250) 587-6326

Community Services

Financial

Clearwater has two financial institutions that serve the residents of Blue River and outlying areas.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

- Royal Bank Phone: (250) 674-2231
Fax: (250) 674-2551
Web: www.royalbank.com
- Interior Savings Credit Union Phone: (250) 674-3111
Web: www.tvscu.com

Health Care

- Red Cross Outpost Hospital Phone: (250) 673-8311
Fax: (250) 673-2380

The Red Cross Outpost Hospital is considered a first point of contact for medical care. All serious injuries or ailments including any treatment that requires over night stays are referred to Dr. Helmcken Memorial Hospital in Clearwater.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dr. Helmcken Memorial Hospital Phone: (250) 674-2244

Health care is also provided in Clearwater through the Community Health Centre that sits adjacent to the hospital. It houses the following:

- South Central Health Unit Phone: (250) 674-3141
- Clearwater Home Support Service Phone: (250) 674-3141
- Wells Gray Community Resources Society Phone: (250) 674-2600

Medical services can also be obtained in Clearwater at the Medical Clinic.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clearwater Medical Clinic Phone: (250) 674-3319

The major referral hospital in the region is Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Royal Inland Hospital Phone: (250) 374-5111

Emergency Services

- B.C. Ambulance Phone: (250) 453-2533
- Ashcroft Fire Department Phone: (250) 453-2233
- Provincial Emergency Program (P.E.P.) Phone: 1-800-663-3456

Police Protection

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (R.C.M.P.) provide police protection from a detachment in Clearwater.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

R.C.M.P. Phone: (250) 674-2237

Legal Services

Legal Services are available in Clearwater.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

- John Kurta Phone: (250) 674-2126
Fax: (250) 674-3493

- Mair Jensen Blair
- Lawyer Referral Service

Phone: (250) 674-2255
Phone: 1-800-663-1919

Court Services

Provincial Court Services are available in Clearwater.

Provincial:

- Criminal
- Youth Offenders
- Family
- Small Claims
- Traffic
- Probation
- Family Counseling

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clearwater Court House Phone: (250) 674-2113

Supreme Court Services are available in Kamloops.

Supreme:

- Court of Appeals
- Divorce
- Small Claims
- Adult Criminal
- Adoptions
- Probate

The courthouse also provides settlement conferences and masters chambers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kamloops Court House Phone: (250) 828-4344

Community Lifestyle

Clubs/Groups/Organizations

Blue River boasts an active citizenry. A myriad of clubs, organizations and associations are active in the community. For more information contact the Blue River Improvement District.

- “Good News” Club
- Lady’s Hospital Auxiliary
- Avola/Blue River Television Rebroadcast Committee
- Powder Packers
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch #213
- Blue River Community Association
- Blue River Parks and Cemetery Committee
- Blue River Slo-Pitch Team
- Lady’s Auxiliary Royal Canadian Legion #213
- Volunteer Fire Department
- Saddle Mountain Riding Club
- Snowmobile Club
- Volunteer Fire Department

Churches

- Roman Catholic Church
- Free Evangelical Church

Cultural Facilities

Library

The Thompson-Nicola Regional Library System operates the Blue River Library.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Blue River Library

Phone: (250) 673-8235

Recreational Facilities

- outdoor ice rink
- tennis courts
- basketball courts
- ball diamond

Key Contacts

Blue River Improvement District

5th Avenue
Blue River, BC V0E 1J0
Tel: (250) 673-8255

Community Futures Development Corporation of Thompson Country

101-286 St. Paul Street
Kamloops, BC V2C 6G4
Tel: (250) 828-8772
Fax: (250) 828-6861
Toll Free: 1-877-335-2950
Web: www.cfdetc.bc.ca
E-mail: info@cfedtc.bc.ca

Community Futures can also be contacted through Clearwater Employment Services

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